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SUBJ: CAPE VERDE ELECTIONS AND INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS

REF: (A) LISBON 3427 AND (B) 3739

1. JULY 3 LISBON PRESS REPORTS THAT JUNE 30 CAPE VERDE ELECTIONS FOR CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY WERE SUCCESSFULLY CONDUCTED IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF CALM. EIGHTY PERCENT OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS CAST BALLOTS.

2. AS REPORTED REFTTEL (A), 56 CANDIDATES WERE "COMPETING" FOR THE 56 ASSEMBLY SEATS; THERE WERE NO UPSETS. THOUGH UNCLASSIFIED

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PAIGC ONLY PARTICIPATING POLITICAL PARTY, ONLY 14 OF ELECTED

DEPUTIES ARE OFFICIALLY MEMBERS OF PARTY. LEADING PAIGC
DEPUTIES ARE: ARISTIDES PEREIRA, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF
PAIGC; PEDRO PIRES, PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION
OF CAPE VERDE; ABILIO DUARTE, PAIGC NUMBER-TWO MAN; AMARO
DA LUZ, MINISTER IN THE TRANSITION GOVERNMENT; OSVALDO
LOPES DA SILVA, MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION; SILVINO
DA LUZ; AND JOAO JOSE LOPES.

3. ARISTIDES PEREIRA WILL PRESIDE OVER THE INDEPENDENCE
CELEBRATIONS. CAPE VERDE CHIEF OF STATE OR MECHANISM FOR HIS
SELECTION WILL BE DETERMINED ONLY AFTER INDEPENDENCE BY CON-
STITUENT ASSEMBLY.

4. GOP DELEGATION TO CELEBRATIONS WILL DEPART EARLY JULY 5.
DELEGATION WILL CONSIST OF: PRIME MINISTER VASCO GONCALVES
AND WIFE; MAJ SOUSA LOBO, CHIEF OF STAFF TO PRIME MINISTER
AND WIFE; 1ST LT. ROSARIO DIAS, AIDE TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S
CABINET; GEN CARLOS FABIAO; CPT GRACA CUNHA AND LT. JUDAS
REPRESENTING REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL; INTERTERRITORIAL MINISTER
ALMEIDA SANTOS; MINISTERS WITHOUT PORTFOLIO MAGALHAES MOTA
AND PEREIRA DE MOURA; ALVARO CUNHAL, REPRESENTING THE PCP;
LOPES CARDOSO, REPRESENTING THE PS; ASSISTANT DIRECTOR-GENERAL
FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS JOSE MANUEL VILAS BOAS, REPRESENTING
MELO ANTUNES; AND FERNANDO REINO, REPRESENTING THE SECRETARIAT
OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL COOPERATION.
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